

Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 25, 2003. Wheat harvest is beginning in the state, and planting continues for other crops as the weather allows. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 35 percent surplus.

F	Conditions in Percentages									
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2002	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	100	100	100	100	2	3	13	62	20
	Emerged	99	98	100	98					
Cotton	Planted	87	82	91	94		6	23	54	15
	Emerged	78	71	81	81	2				
	Squaring	1		1	1					
Rice	Planted	94	89	97	97	0	3	17	65	15
	Emerged	87	81	90	88	U				
Sorghum	Planted	95	93	93	91	0	2	24	70	4
	Emerged	93	85	87	84	U				
Soybeans	Planted	82	78	85	84		10	29	50	9
	Emerged	75	70	72	70	2				
	Blooming	2	-	1	2					
Wheat	Mature	30	12	37	47	0	4	48	44	4
	Harvested	3		4	9	U	4			
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	15	5	14	16					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	80	75	83	79	0	8	22	57	13
Hay (Warm Season)	Tial vested	14	7	12	12		0			
Watermelons	Planted	98	97	100	88	0	2	96	2	0
Cattle						1	3	12	67	17
<u>Pasture</u>						0	4	19	65	12

County Agent Comments

"Dry weather has allowed growers to get back in the field.	Crops need cleaning up where heavy rainfall has	hurt
growers."		

— Don Respess, Bolivar

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss

[&]quot;Sunny weather was a godsend. I think every hi-boy and planter in the county was running during the week."

[&]quot;Dry weather has allowed producers to get back in the fields this weekend. About 20% of the cotton was planted in a very short time. Soybeans are being planted also, and fall planted hay harvesting has begun as well."

"Weather has been a factor on field crops, including stand losses and losses of nitrogen from corn fields; seedline disease; thrips in cotton and delayed planting and stand losses in soybeans. The weather is beginning to get into our pocket big time."
— Anita Webb, Scott
"Showers have helped greatly without over doing it. We could, however, use a few more. Crops, such as cotton and peanuts, are off to a good start. There has been a good amount of ryegrass hay put up."
— Lee Taylor, Forrest
"Rain, rain go away, come again another day - when flood waters have receded and the fields are planted and another rain is needed."
— Mack Young, Quitman
"Spraying for weeds has been the main operation. No insects have posed a problem in crops yet. Most all of the plantings are complete. Wheat harvest has just begun."
— Tommy Baird, Sunflower
"Rain and wet soil conditions are still hampering progress on soybean planting. About one-fourth of the crop has not been planted. Pastures are in good-to-excellent condition with cool-season hay harvest complete, but very little warm-season hay has been baled yet. Timber is growing well due to a wet fall and spring. There seems to be a heavy foliage set this year."
— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha
"Pastures and hay fields are looking good. Summer forages are being fertilized to promote growth for grazing and hay. Cattle are in real good shape with plenty to eat."
— Mark Gillie, Greene

Additional comments appear on the Internet at: http://www.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm

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